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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Amendment filed on 08/30/2004 has been entered and made of record as Paper No. 0804. Claims 1-6, 8-21, 23-37 and 40-45 are pending in the application.

Applicants' remarks have been considered.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 08/30/2004 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,642,112 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-6, 8-21, 23-37 and 40-45 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The art of record does not disclose or anticipate the limitation in combination with other claim element nor would it be obvious to modify the art of record so as to densifying the spacer oxide in a non-oxidizing ambient, wherein at least a portion of the polycide structure is not encapsulated during densifying the spacer oxide.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc Hoang whose telephone number is (571) 272-1780. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone numbers of the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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